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Thanks for the graciousness you have shown in the public hearing process. I apologize for not getting this to you sooner - however I have some suggestions I would like to make.

I believe ward 9 should encompass almost ALL of Midtown Phillips, however we have discussed a plan with the east African community that would give ward 6 everything west of 11th (one block off Chicago from 24-28th and then over to 13th to Lake Street) this would give areas of influence to 6 but leave most of the population of Midtown with ward 9.

I also support the concerns of Steward neighborhoods to have more of their neighborhood unified, thus 6 could extend east of Hiawatha on 24th Street only to 25th Ave then north to I94w and east to the river. The University Zone should be divided between 6 and 2 sharing the power and influence of this significant zone.

Ward 8 should have Central Neighborhood as far north as 35 or 36th street, which is a natural divider and where the Latino community gives way to the traditional African American Neighborhood. As a result of the above changes ward 9 should not need to jog into Longfellow at all.

I hope these thoughts make good sense.

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